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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (WCIWY)

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1. AMB WHITE SPOKE JUNE 4 WITH INDIAN PERMREP JAIPAL
AND IRANIAN PERMREP HOVEYDA REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR WCIWY.
SHE POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION ON
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH WOULD DETRACT FROM
PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF CONFERENCE AND JEOPARDIZE ITS SUCCESS.
SHE STRESSED IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE TO TURN THIS INTO
ONE MORE UN CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES -- OF WHICH THERE
ARE ALREADY A LARGE NUMBER -- WHEN IT IS THE ONE OPPORTUNITY
TO CONCENTRATE ON IMPORTANT PROBLEMS OF WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND
FULL PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY.

2. AMB. WHITE ALSO POINTED TO UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES
IF G-77 WERE TO ADOPT RIGID POSITIONS BEFORE CONFERENCE.
SHE HOPED ALL PARTICIPANTS WOULD GO TO CONFERENCE READY TO
BUILD ON CAREFUL PREPARATIONS, JOIN IN GIVE AND TAKE,
AND REACH TRUE CONSENSUS.

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3. BOTH AMBS JAIPAL AND HOVEYDA REPLIED THAT THEIR COUNTRIES WANTED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND INDICATED THAT SOME THINKING WAS UNDER WAY AS TO HOW TO AVOID IT. BOTH INDICATED, THOUGH WITHOUT SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS, THAT THEIR REPS WOULD SEEK TO WORK TO THIS END. AMB. JAIPAL SAID THAT THIS WAS PURPOSE OF HIS SUGGESTION AT NEGOTIATING GROUP JUNE 2 (REFTEL).

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT G-77 WILL MEET FRIDAY TO CONSIDER WCIWY PREPARATIONS. WE WILL CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH OTHER INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS HERE IN ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF ANY FIRM G-77 POSITIONS THAT MIGHT MAKE CONFRONTATION INEVITABLE. BENNETT

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